

MINUTES
MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
MONDAY, March 17, 2014
Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: Vice Chair B. Ryan, B. Chandy K. Holt, G. Lewis, P. Plante, K. Rawn,
Members absent: J. Goodwin (Chairman), R. Hall, B. Pociask
Alternates present: P. Aho, V. Ward, S. Westa
Staff Present: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Kaufman, Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator

Vice Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and appointed Aho, Ward and Westa to act in the absence of members.

Approval of Minutes:

a. March 3, 2014 Special Meeting

Ward MOVED, Aho seconded, to approve the 03-03-14 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Chandy noted for the record that she listened to the recording.

Zoning Agent's Report: Noted.

Old Business:

a. Pre-Application Discussion Requests

Item was postponed to the 4/21/14 meeting.

New Business:

a. Application to Amend the Zoning Map; Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, applicant, (File #1246-19)

Holt MOVED, Chandy seconded, to receive the application submitted by Storrs Center Alliance (PZC File #1246-19) to amend the Zoning Map pertaining to a portion of the Storrs Center Special Design District Master Parking Study, as shown on plans dated 08/29/12 and as submitted to the Commission, to refer said application to the staff for review and comment and to set a Public Hearing for April 21, 2014. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Commission discussed the process and schedule for reviewing the draft Plan of Conservation and Development, identifying the need for members to carefully review the draft plan and make changes to ensure that the final draft presented for public hearing reflects the Commission's views. To allow for this detailed review and editing, the tentative schedule outlined by Painter and Kaufman at the previous meeting needs to be adjusted to allow the Commission a couple of months for their review. Painter and Kaufman suggested that the schedule could be changed to allow for public hearings in September, which would require the Commission to have a completed draft ready to refer to the Town Council and Regional Planning Commission by June. Painter noted that staff would be discussing the schedule change with HUD due to potential impacts on deadlines established in the grant, and that the Commission would also need to determine what work, if any, could begin on zoning regulation updates while the Plan is out for review. Members agreed to complete a first read-through of the document before the March 31st special meeting, and discussed the idea of assigning, at that same meeting, individual chapters for in-depth review to individual members, or perhaps two to three members working on a single chapter.

Reports from Officers and Committees:

Holt informed the Commission that she has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award through CFPZA and noted the topic presented and discussed that evening was “An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Medical Marijuana”. Painter updated the Commission on the following items: 1) a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for March 18th to discuss the Infrastructure Subcommittee’s recommendations regarding sidewalk/bikeway priorities and 2) a public information session has been scheduled for March 25th at 7pm at Southeast Elementary School Gymnasium to discuss a Safe Routes to Schools Grant for the Route 89 walkway.

Communications and Bills: None.

Adjournment: The Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary